



CITY OF ABSECON
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CITY COUNCIL
JULY 16, 2015
WORK & REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Council President, Chris Seher at 7:00 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE – Mayor

INVOCATION – Pastor Richard Younger, Living Water Wesleyan Church, Pleasantville

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Cain, Camp, Horton, Phillips, Ring, Vizthum, Seher

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Armstrong, Tim Maguire, Jessica Thompson, Carie Crone

STATEMENT OF SUNSHINE LAW - Chris

NOTIFICATION OF MEETING BEING RECORDED – Chris

PRESENTATION – 911 Memorial Committee

Ed Vincent - he is the project construction manager of the 911 memorial.

They are seeking approval to begin project and put a sign up notifying of what will be there. He handed out exhibits to all council members and then discussed the budget, time frames and gave a progress report. They are hoping to have it completed by July 2016 in order for a dedication on 9/11/16. They would like the ground breaking to happen on 8/1/15 at 10:00 a.m.

Lynne Caterson – they are a full NJ non-profit and a full 501(c) (a tax exempt company) and all tax filings are completed. Bi-laws are completed and a board of trustees and officers have been installed. She discussed the financial aspects of their group and fundraising efforts.

Chris – gave a brief summary of what the committee was looking for from council tonight
A motion to add Res. #132 to tonight's agenda was agreed to by all

Motion for Res. #132 to approve the commencement of construction was made by Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Camp

ROLL CALL: Cain, yes; Camp, yes; Horton, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes; Vizthum, yes; Seher, yes

REPORTS

Sandy - Public Works – met today and the parking lot on NJ Ave. has been paved and will be striped in the near future as well as the tree removal. The 2014 paving should be complete by the end of July. The 2015 road program is out to bids and will be opened on 8/12. The Water Co. is doing work on NJ Ave. near Ambassador and Highland before we start our project. Ed Dennis met with the County to discuss the flashing light on Pitney Road; a study will be done for the “no right hand” turn on Woodcrest Avenue to see if there is a need to remove it and the light timing at five corners will be looked into as well. Asbestos work is done at the Girl Scout Lodge and demolition should be done shortly. The Public Works will be getting a 2015 truck from a deal that fell through. It's what we ordered but a little better for the same price as the other one and should get it by the end of September. Her next meeting is 8/20 @ 3:30 p.m.

Don – asked that the city does a resolution for the County to repair the asphalt at five corners that is wearing away.

Mike – W. Church St. has been freshly paved, but it looks like there is a trench to the overflow parking area. Cones are around it and doesn't know if it's a fix or did someone do some utility work after it was paved.

Chris – will go look into and talk to Eddie.

Jim - Public Safety – EMS is looking into having refusal fees and will provide more info later as well as a fee schedule for other items. They have switched billing companies and expect a more aggressive approach with their receivables. They applied to the State for their HVAC system. The fire department are in the process of updating their pagers. The police Hooked on Fishing was a success. National Night Out is 8/4 from 6-9 p.m. The detective dept. is continuing to do positive work. The Accreditation process started 7/9.

Frank - Parks & Playground – his next meeting is 7/21. On tonight's agenda is Ord. #11 for introduction for the Rec Director. Ord. #12 – No Trespassing, which gives the administrator the authority to put up signs if necessary. Ord. #10 is for final adoption the Salary Range for Absecon. This has the Rec Director range on it. Res. #127 is to allow the use of Heritage Park for the 08201 Reunion group and #128 is the Arts Alliance to use the park.

Don - Finance – the committee is recommending we hire Mike O'Hagan as Fire Sub code Official. Res. #126 is the hiring of a Plumbing Sub code Official and Ord. #13 is accepting a lot on Morton Ave. as a donation. They will be looking into foreclosed properties in August.

Mike – Community Affairs – announced upcoming events – 9/18 @ 6 p.m. will be the chair dedication for the POW MIA recognition. Peddle, Paddle Run is 9/26. His next meeting is 8/6.

Kim – Economic Development – her next meeting is 8/6 @ 6:30 pm. Encouraged residents to frequent the local businesses.

Mayor – we received approval from FEMA for full release of their funding for Turner Avenue and Kunkley's Marina. CAFRA permits are in and they anticipate getting them by Sept. The ACIA approved up to \$50,000 for engineering and legal fees for a redevelopment plan for the remaining portion of Absecon Creek. The Red Roof Inn is under new management and they have plans to restore it a higher quality operation. He met with representatives of the Shore Physicians Group real estate dept. and toured the old city hall and is trying to get interest from someone to utilize that building or at least the first floor.

Jessica – the Water Co. recommended a fire hydrant be installed in the area of Mill & Delaware Ave. to help those residents in the area. The fire dept. received a \$16,000 grant and will be using it for new radios. We issued the P.O. for the engineering for Phase II of the Park for drainage and additional amenities. She received the documents back from Galloway regarding the badge process. Would like to add Res. #131 advertising for part-time dispatchers. She read the Rec Director's job description.

Carie – gave an update on the soccer group who wanted to do a coin drop. She is supposed to be receiving a roster, but hasn't heard anything back yet.

MONTHLY REPORTS - JUNE

Clerk's Office – \$12,568.65

Court - \$14,132.70

Construction - \$9,230

PUBLIC PORTION

Motion to open to the public- Councilman Ring – second – Councilwoman Horton

All were in favor. No public comment.

Motion to close public - Councilman Vizthum - second – Councilwoman Cain

All were in favor.

REGULAR MEETING

Chris - asked for a motion to add Res. #130, hiring a Fire Sub code Official and Res. #131, advertising for part time tele-communicators to the agenda tonight.

Made by Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Camp

All were in favor.

2015 ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

- 11** Amending the Code of the City of Absecon Chapter 3 – Administrative Code creating Section 103 – Recreation Director.

Motion for introduction – Councilman Camp – second – Councilman Ring

ROLL CALL: Cain, yes; Camp, yes; Horton, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes; Vizthum, yes; Seher, yes

- 12** Amending the Code of the City of Absecon, Chapter 250 – Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation Areas, Adding Section 5 – “No Trespassing”.

Motion for introduction – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Ring

ROLL CALL: Cain, yes; Camp, yes; Horton, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes; Vizthum, yes; Seher, yes

- 13** Ordinance accepting conveyance of land known as Block 26, Lot 2.01 on the Absecon City Tax Map as a gift and authorizing city representatives to take all actions necessary to effectuate such conveyance.

Motion for introduction – Councilman Camp – second – Councilman Phillips

ROLL CALL: Cain, yes; Camp, yes; Horton, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes; Vizthum, yes; Seher, yes

2015 ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION

- 09** Creating Section 251 of the Code of the City of Absecon entitled "Rental Property, Registration and Certificate of Habitability".

Motion for second reading – Councilman Camp – second – Councilwoman Horton

ROLL CALL: Cain, yes; Camp, yes; Horton, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes; Vizthum, yes; Seher, yes

Motion to open to public – Councilman Ring – second – Councilman Vizthum

All were in favor. No public comment.

Mayor – this will require rental properties to register and have annual inspections to confirm no code violations.

Motion to close public – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Ring

All were in favor.

Motion for final reading and adoption – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Ring

ROLL CALL: Cain, yes; Camp, yes; Horton, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes; Vizthum, yes; Seher, yes

- 10** Establishing Salary Ranges for the City of Absecon.

Motion for second reading – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Ring

ROLL CALL: Cain, yes; Camp, yes; Horton, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes; Vizthum, yes; Seher, yes

Motion to open to public – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Ring

All were in favor. No public comment.

Jessica – three positions: Rec. Director at \$2,500 to \$7,500; Tax Clerk and Deputy Clerk at \$20-\$25 per hour

Motion to close public – Councilman Vizthum – second – Councilman Phillips

All were in favor.

Motion for final reading and adoption – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Ring

ROLL CALL: Cain, yes; Camp, yes; Horton, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes; Vizthum, yes; Seher, yes

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under Consent Agenda, are considered to be routine by this City Council and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

- 126** Resolution authorizing the hiring of a part time Plumbing Sub Code Official, namely Thomas M. McGonigle.
- 127** To allow use of Heritage Park to the 08201 Reunion Group.
- 128** To allow use of Heritage Park for the Art in the Park.
- 129** Amending the previous CDBG/Home Cooperation Agreement.

130 Authorizing the appointment of a Fire Sub Code Official, namely Michael O'Hagan

131 Authorizing the Administrator to advertise for part time tele-communicators

Resolutions #126 to 131 were moved in the Consent Agenda.

Motion to move consent agenda – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Ring

ROLL CALL: Cain, yes; Camp, yes; Horton, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes; Vizthum, yes; Seher, yes

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST – \$2,024,284.79

Motion to approve – Councilman Camp – second – Councilwoman Cain

ROLL CALL: Cain, yes; Camp, yes; Horton, yes, abstain on A0005; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes; Vizthum, yes; Seher, yes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes –07/02/2015

Motion to approve – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Ring

ROLL CALL: Cain, abstain; Camp, yes; Horton, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes; Vizthum, yes; Seher, yes

PUBLIC PORTION

Motion to open to the public- Councilwoman Cain – second – Councilman Ring

All were in favor. No public comment.

Motion to close public portion – Councilman Phillips - second – Councilman Vizthum

All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Ring

All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Carie A. Crone, City Clerk

Approved: 8/6/15